

Hispanic fiesta set for weekend

A Hispanic American fiesta day with food, drinks, games music and more is scheduled for Oct. 19 from 3–8 p.m. at the Baumholder American High School cafeteria. Food Sampling begins at 4 p.m. and dance demonstrations begin at 5 p.m. On the dance ticket are salsa, merengue and la bamba demonstrations. Lessons for Latin dance steps begin at 6 p.m. and games and Piñata bashing start at 7 p.m. Exhibits created by the high school Spanish classes and club will be on display. The event is sponsored by Baumholder's Equal Opportunity Office and Youth Services. For more information call mil 485-7276.

Reach out and touch someone

Do you know how to get in touch with your spouse in case of an emergency? Family members can contact their rear detachment noncommissioned officer who can then get in touch with the unit down range, or the American Red Cross in Baumholder at mil 485-1760 or civ (06783) 6-1760. Persons should provide the unit and place of deployment of the spouse in order to speed up the contact process. As a reminder to family members, the unit commander authorizes emergency leave, not the Red Cross.

Openings in automation

There are numerous openings available in automation classes in Baumholder during October. To register for a class go to <https://www.uatp.hqusareur.army.mil>

The following classes are available:

Oct. 16 – 18 Intro to Access Database 12 openings

Oct. 21 – Intro to Word 14 openings

Oct. 22 – Intro to Excel Worksheets 13 openings

Oct. 23 – Intro to Excel Charts (must take worksheets prior) 12 openings

Oct. 24 – Intro to PowerPoint 8 openings

Oct. 25 – Intro to Outlook 9 openings

Oct. 28 – 30 Intro to Access 12 openings

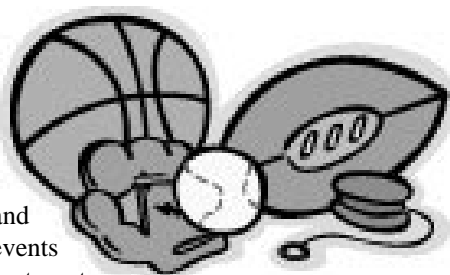
Oct. 31 – Intro to Internet Explorer 10 openings

Job opening at ACAP

Baumholder's Army Career and Alumni Program Center is seeking a full-time career counselor/workshop facilitator. A master's degree and a minimum of two years in teaching/counseling/training is required. This is a tax deferred pay status contract position with Resource Consultants Inc. Send resumes to Ericksenh@cmty@mail.26asg.army.mil. For more information call mil 486-7089 or civ (0631)-411-7089.

Soldiers battle for cup

Soldiers from Baumholder's 1-6 Infantry Battalion held their Battalion organizational day Sept. 27. The battalion held a competition for the commanders cup and streamer with events that included automat football, soccer, tug-of-war and a skedko race. After all was said and done, Headquarters, Headquarters Company took the cup and streamer. Family members joined the soldiers for a cook out after the competition. The wives held a bake-off for which the battalion



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commander and company commanders served as the judges. Charlie Companies Angie Johnson won the bake-off with her famous "Dirt Cake."

After the bake off a battalion member said, "This is just what the infantry likes, dirt. It gives knowing your audience a whole new meaning."

Promotion board convenes

A Department of The Army Centralized Promotion Board convenes Feb. 4, 2003 to consider eligible sergeants first class for promotion to master sergeant and eligible soldiers should start reviewing their official military personnel files now. For a records appointment call mil 485-6453 or visit <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil>.

Red Ribbon focuses on youth

Baumholder celebrates the annual Red Ribbon Campaign Oct. 18 - 31. Community chaplains are endorsing prayer for the children's weekend Oct. 18 - 20. Youth Services will sponsor Red Ribbon activities that will include a midnight sporting event at the Hall of Champions Oct. 18 and the Health Promotion Council will sponsor a 5 kilometer run/walk and health fair Oct. 24 at the Hall of Champions. The Baumholder schools will also conduct various activities throughout Red Ribbon Week. The Red Ribbon Campaign annually helps promote a drug-free environment for children in all communities throughout the nation.

Help make a difference

Persons interested in bettering their community by organizing improvement projects are invited to attend a "make a difference" meeting at 1 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Army Community Service conference room.

On Oct. 26, 2000, 2.2 million people took part in the first Make A Difference Day in their local communities by participating in various volunteer community improvement activities.

Created by USA WEEKEND, Make A Difference Day is takes place every year on the fourth Saturday in October. This year the installation volunteer coordinator's office would like to encourage Family Readiness Groups, nonprofit organizations and community agencies to participate in the most encompassing day of helping others.

How does it work? Look around housing areas and work environments to find ways of improving the current conditions. Once an organization has identified a need or project contact the installation volunteer coordinator's office to receive a project registration form.

After a project is completed a project feedback form should be completed and all feedback forms will be compiled and submitted to USA WEEKEND Magazine.

For further information contact April Barnett at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Transition processing job opens

Resource Consultants Incorporation is seeking transition processing specialists in Kaiserslautern to perform a variety of tasks related to the separation of soldiers from the Army. This includes preparation of separation orders and the DD Form 214. Qualifications include: two years experience in

military personnel service support operations or an associate of arts degree and one year of experience in Army personnel administration. Applicants must be computer literate with knowledge of SIDPERS and committed to providing excellent customer service. Applicant must also qualify for individual logistic support. Contact Patrick McElroy at mil 379-9454 or e-mail resumes as a file attachment to mcelroy@hq.7arcom.army.mil.

Registered nurse job opening

A registered nurse job position in the grade of GS-09 is now open at the Baumholder Family Healthcare Clinic. No shift work is involved. Call Lt. Col. Grace Franklin at civ (06783) 6-8528 or 8747 or mil 485-8528 or 8747.

Applicants must have a current registered nurse license and must have worked as a medical-surgical registered nurse for at least one year.



Promotion board convenes

A Department of The Army Centralized Promotion Board convenes Nov. 5 to consider eligible first lieutenants for promotion to captain. Officers eligible for consideration should review their personnel files prior to Nov. 5. For a records appointment call mil 485-6453 or visit <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil>.

OCS board set for Nov. 20

The 222nd Base Support Battalion will conduct an officer candidate school board Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Training Support Detachment small classroom, Building 8475. The board is open to any qualified enlisted soldier interested in becoming a commissioned officer. For more information call Cpl. Melissa Reeves at mil 485-6788. All packets must be completed and turned into the 222nd BSB Adjutant's Office by Nov. 12.

ACAP services

Call the Army Career and Alumni Program office at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays to learn about pre-separation briefings, job assistance workshops, job assistance counseling, Veterans Affairs briefings and a host of other benefits.

Civilian medical care for soldiers

As an active duty soldier you are only authorized to receive civilian medical care if authorization is obtained in advance through your local military treatment facility or if emergency treatment is required.

When the Baumholder Health Clinic is closed soldiers can contact their Personal Health Adviser at civ (0800) 825 1600, go to the Landstuhl emergency room or (in the case of emergencies only) visit the nearest German facility. Any follow-up care must be obtained at the battalion aid station or health clinic. For more information call Gabi Martini at mil 485-6205 or civ (06783) 6-6205.

Scholarships available

The Baumholder Community Spouses Club will offer scholarships for the October college term. Deadline to apply is Oct. 18. Pick up an application at the Baumholder Education Center in Building 8332.

Family members not alone during deployment

● Family members who need to send mail or packages to soldiers while they are at gunnery or CMTC may use their unit mail rooms. Mail will go to Grafenwoehr on Mondays and Thursdays and items will come back on Tuesdays and Fridays. 2nd Brigade has a contracted bus for these runs that will be used for mail and personnel needing to

be moved between locations. Shoe box-size packages should be dropped off at the soldier's unit. Valuables, hazardous materials, or explosives must not be placed in these care packages. See your family readiness leader for specific unit drop off points.

● Do you know how to get something fixed that breaks or goes out

in your quarters? The Directorate of Public Works work order section can assist. Call DPW at civ (06783) 6-6133 or 1560 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays except on German Holidays. For emergency work orders (such as no hot water, no heat or power) call civ (06783) 6-115 after duty hours, weekends or holidays.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Boy Scout Troop 96 is doing a little sign and flag waving in support of this year's Combined Federal Campaign which is under way through December.

CFC now under way

The annual Combined Federal Campaign is now under way through December. The campaign is the joint service effort to raise money to help support charitable organizations.

This year's goal is \$2.64 million, said Tom Campbell, the acting director of Volunteer Programs and the Army's CFC representative. Last year's goal was \$2.6 million and the total collected was \$2.83 million.

After terrorists attacked the Pentagon and World Trade Center, Combined Federal Campaign-supported organizations provided services to include counseling, food and financial help to the family members of victims.

The recipients of those services are now taking the stage to encourage federal employees to

donate to the charities that supported them during the crisis. The 2002 CFC campaign kicked off Oct. 1 and will run through December.

There are more than 3,000 charities that federal employees can donate to through CFC. The Red Cross and Salvation Army are among the organizations listed in the CFC "Caring is Sharing" catalog, Campbell said. They were among the organizations that were seen days and weeks after Sept. 11, 2001, outside of the Pentagon supporting troops, he added.

The Caring is Sharing catalog lists charitable organizations. It also gives testimonials from federal employees and their family members who have received assistance.

Community readies for Halloween fun

As all the goblins, ghosts, witches and assorted scurrying scary little people hit the streets on Halloween, common sense and safety should be topics to consider for children, parents and victims of the multitude of candy collectors who visit their homes demanding a treat and threatening to do evil things if not fully satisfied.

Before dashing out the door, children should consider the following:

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on side-walks
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.

Parents should consider the following before their offspring sprint through the doorway on Halloween:

- Make your children eat dinner before setting out.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.



- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners or military housing residents should also keep safety in mind by taking the following precautions:

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered jack o' lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where

trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

Halloween on line

The Baumholder community will celebrate Halloween on its scheduled date of Oct. 31. Trick-or-treat hours are from 5-7:30 p.m. Community events surrounding the annual holiday will be published as they become available.

Halloween carnival

Youth Services hosts their annual Halloween carnival Oct. 26 at the Rheinlander from 2-6 p.m. Activities are planned for children ages 2 to 11 years old. There will be toys, candy, and prizes. Get the children dressed up and ready for this day of howling activities. For more information call mil 485-7003.

No ghost alternative

Hallelujah Night, an alternative to Halloween, is a free event scheduled for Oct. 31 at the Family Life Center (the Thrift Shop building) from 6-8 p.m. All children are welcome to participate in this safe and fun evening. Crafts, story telling, singing, games and a snack are planned. Each child is encouraged to bring a bag of candy to share. For more information, contact the 222nd Base Support Battalion chaplain's office at mil 485-1570 or civ (06783) 6-1570.

VA assistance offered by VFW Post 2566

Do you need help completing your Veterans Affairs paperwork? Or do you just have questions about your VA benefits? The Baumholder VFW post service officer can help. Contact him by email at Ronald.J.Robinson@us.army.mil. Baumholder's VFW Post 2566 meets at 6 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. For more information send email to John.C.Neilson@us.army.mil.

MWR roundup

Win a round trip

Round trip airline tickets to the states, a weekend for two at Chiemsee, a digital camera, a free airport shuttle, and more is what the grand prize is for the Fall into Fun contest. There are also many more prizes to be won. Pick up your Fall into Fun card today at any MWR facility and start collecting your stamps. There is no limit on the number of cards a person can enter.

Monday “footbowl”

It’s “Footbowl” season so visit the Baumholder Bowling Center every Monday night and enjoy “four quarters” of bowling and snack bar specials. For more information call mil 485-6569

Midnight basketball

Come out for some late night basketball Oct. 18 when Youth Services hosts midnight basketball. For more information call mil 485-7276

Change in hours

The bowling center will open at noon rather than 11 a.m. starting

Oct. 15 and will continue to close at its normal hours. The bowling center will continue to close at normal hours. For more information call mil 485-6569.

Coaches needed

As the fall youth sports season begins, coaches are still needed. Help the youth of Baumholder stay active in sports and learn how to work as a team. For more information call mil 485-7003.

Rack ‘em

Pool tournaments are now happening every Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. at the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Call mil 485-6345.

Road trip

Baumholder’s Youth Services has scheduled a trip for children ages 13–18 to Frankenstein Castle on Oct. 18.

The cost is \$20. See live monsters and tour the castle decorated like a haunted house. Sign up by Oct. 11 by calling mil 485-7276.



Photo by Ignacio “Iggy” Rubalcava

Can you see me?

Can you see the oncoming vehicle? Fall weather conditions have arrived and that means drivers need to be alert about changing road conditions. Leaves on the road create slick conditions and are as dangerous as black ice. Fog will certainly impair a driver’s vision so drivers should adjust their speed accordingly. Remember Germany’s 50 - 50 law and drive no more than 50 kilometers per hour if you can’t see more than 50 meters ahead.

Combat team wraps up deployment exercise

A first of its kind deployment exercise was recently completed by 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division soldiers and by all accounts, "It was a very successful event," said Maj. Darren Holbrook, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division S-2.

The purpose of the exercise was to develop a working model of how units would deploy out of Baumholder, if ever required to. Baumholder developed its standard operating procedures during the exercise and solutions to problems before the next deployment exercise.

Stations to inspect all vehicles that moved to Grafenwoehr for the semiannual gunnery were developed by 2nd Brigade and the 222nd Base Support Battalion. These stations included reception, maintenance inspection, hazardous material inspection area, vehicle marking area, fueling and defueling area, rail load station, convoy staging area and a final validation station. All vehicles had to pass these stations in order to stage for the long

road march to Grafenwoehr.

Units were also required to close out their barracks, store selected privately owned vehicles, hold family briefings, conduct soldier readiness processing and manifest out of the Baumholder gym.

The 222nd BSB and 2nd Brigade worked together to develop a working model that will be improved upon by other units within the U.S. Army in Europe in the coming months. USAREUR and V Corps officials conducted a leader off-site and came to Baumholder for a day to observe the process and take back issues that needed to be addressed.

"It was a great operation for the 222nd BSB and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. A lot of lessons were learned, a lot of knowledge was developed on how to move equipment in Germany along with a host of data about hazardous shipments. The post moved more 1,000 pieces of equipment and more than 3,000 soldiers in a constricted time line," said Holbrook.



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A vehicle from 1-35 Armored Battalion is processed through the vehicle inspection station at the Baumholder wash rack.

Legal notes

Soldiers pay for inappropriate behavior

Pfc. David J. Casey, A Company, 1-6 Infantry, was found guilty Sept. 25 on two counts of wrongful use of amphetamines, two counts of wrongful use of methylenedioxymethylamphetamine, and one count of wrongful use of cocaine. He received a sentence of reduction to private, forfeiture of \$737 pay and confinement for 30 days. Casey served his sentence at the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Pvt. 1 Mario S. Cortez, C Company, 1-6 Infantry, was found guilty Sept. 24 on two counts of wrongful use of marijuana. He received a sentence of forfeiture of \$737 pay and confinement for 30 days. Cortez served his sentence at the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Pvt. 1 Paul R. Inman, III, C Company, 40th Engineers, was found guilty Sept. 18 on one count of wrongful distribution of MDMA, one count of wrongful use of MDMA, one count of wrongful use of amphetamines and one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He received a sentence of forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for seven months, a bad-conduct discharge, and confinement for four months. He is serving his sentence in the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Pvt. 1 Jerry C. Solomon, Jr., B Battery, 4-27 Field Artillery, was

found guilty Sept. 20 on one count of disrespect to a noncommissioned officer, one count of disorderly conduct and one count of taking indecent liberties with a minor. He received a sentence of forfeiture of \$737 pay and confinement for 30 days. Solomon served his sentence at the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Pvt. 2 Christopher A. Wright, C Company, 2-6 Infantry, was found guilty Sept. 13 on two counts of absent without leave and one count of breaking restriction. He received a sentence of reduction to private, forfeiture of \$737 pay and confinement for 30 days. Wright served his sentence at the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Pfc. Peter A. Ord, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-35 Armor, was found guilty Aug. 28 of one count of desertion, five counts of larceny, and one count of forgery. He received a sentence of reduction to private, confinement for 27 months and a bad-conduct discharge. He is serving his sentence in the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Spc. Nicholas R. Pia, A Company, 2-6 Infantry, was found guilty Aug. 26 on one count of physically controlling a vehicle while drunk. He received a sentence of reduc-

tion to private 2.

Pfc. Ben A. Gates, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-6 Infantry, was found guilty Aug. 23 of three counts of failure to report to his appointed place of duty, one count of disobeying an order issued by a noncommissioned officer, and one count of incapacitation for performance of duties due to overindulgence in intoxicating liquor. He received a sentence of forfeiture of \$500 pay.

Pfc. Adam C. Morgan, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-6 Infantry, was found guilty Aug. 23 on one count of physically controlling a vehicle while drunk. He received a sentence of reduction to private 1.

Pvt. 2 Patrick H. Roberts, C Company, 2-6 Infantry, was found guilty Aug. 2 on one count of failure to obey a lawful order. He received a sentence of forfeiture of \$826 pay.

Spc. Brian J. Gonzalez, C Battery, 4-27 Field Artillery, was found guilty Oct. 4 on one count of indecent assault and one count of absence without leave. He received a sentence of reduction to private, a bad-conduct discharge and confinement for nine months. He is currently serving his sentence at the Mannheim Confinement Facility.



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

I made it!

Spc. Robert Hann from Baumholder's medical clinic rejoices as completes a 12-mile road march ahead of all other candidates who recently tested for the Expert Field Medical Badge here. The EFMB recognizes soldier medics who attain a high degree of professional skill and proficiency as a field medic. It rewards those who can expertly perform in a simulated combat environment, both soldier common tasks and medical tasks.